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Competing - Partner's opening suit is Doubled

Partner has entered the auction with a 1-level suit opening bid. Your opponents have then made a *competitive bid* with a take-out Double.

Messages from bidding;

- Partner has (10)12+ hcp and 4+cards in the bid suit, and did not open 1NT.
- Over-caller's double shows a near opening, or better, hand with a shortage in the bid suit.
- Thus, 23+ hcp are accounted for, leaving 17(-) hcp in your and 4th player's hands.

Your Strategy: Apply normal response rules to introduce a new suit - *forcing if 1-level,* but, *downgrade* weak supporting requirements (to use up bidding space). However, you will need to show **genuine** *major* support if strong (via an artificial 2NT bid). Alternatively, you may prefer to penalise your opponents (via a re-double).

Your options:

With no 3-card support and 0-9 hcp ~ respond as if opponents did not intervene,
but only bid [1NT] with a 7-10 hcp balanced hand, otherwise [Pass].





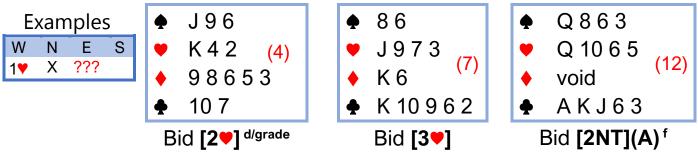
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With no 3-card support and 10+ hcp ~ bid [New suit] or, to show a good defence and no outstanding playing strength, [Re-double]. Your re-double is inviting partner to NB for penalties.



- With support ~ apply LTC or (partnership agreement) downgrade as follows;
 - 3+card support (3-5 hcp for majors else 6-9 hcp) [Raise](A)
 - 4+card support (6-9 hcp for majors else 10+ hcp) [Jump Raise](A)
 - With genuine support for a major 3-level or higher raise, bid [2NT](A).



Reminder;

- Partner will have a chance to re-bid, even if you Pass.
- ❖ Take care with vulnerability
- [2NT] is Artificial. Partner reverts to suit (invitational bid or game) or considers a slam.